### American Society of PeriAnesthesia Nurses

# Welcome to ASPAN's 26<sup>th</sup> National Conference

#### NCSWT "Welcome to Anaheim"

On behalf of ASPAN's entire National Conference Strategic Work Team (NCSWT), I am thrilled to welcome you to Anaheim, California and the ASPAN 26th National Conference, Soaring on the Magical Journey to Excellence. Over the course of the next several days, you will have numerous opportunities to grow both professionally and personally. Take advantage of the diverse educational offerings to learn new skills and acquire new knowledge. Explore the Research and Celebrate Successful Practices posters to glean ideas for improving processes within your practice setting at home. Delve into attending one of the sessions on Standards, evidence based practice and safety. Make it your goal to learn at least one new practice pearl you will take home with you and use to enhance the care you provide to your patients. Mixed in with the vast array of educational opportunities, is plenty of fun along the way. Don't miss out on being "A Star" at Component Night or dancing the night away during the excitement of the President's Reception. Be sure you visit with our exhibitors in the exhibit hall and find out about the latest technology and industry advances as well as to thank them for supporting ASPAN. Do a little shopping for friends and colleagues back home in the ASPAN Shoppe or at the Foundation Silent Auction. Make the most of your brief time at conference, before it vanishes like pixie dust! Thank you for joining the NCSWT here in Anaheim. Have a *magical* week!! Susan Carter, BSN, RN, CPAN, CAPA Coordinator, 2007 National Conference Strategic Work Team

#### Foundation Dream Walk

This morning, the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Dream Walk will help raise funds that support the Foundation. Participants will meet at 6:30am, next to Mickey's Sorcerer's Hat to turn in pledges & sign in for the walk. **An admission ticket is required for this activity.** Components will compete for the highest number of walkers and new this year is the Dream Walker Award for the individual who has raised the highest amount of money pledged. The component with the highest walkers will be announced in the *PArtiCUlArS* and the Dream Walker Award will be announced at Closing Ceremonies.

## Component Night 2007 A Night with the Stars

Start the 26<sup>th</sup> National Conference with lights, camera, action and A *Night with the Stars!* Come dressed as your favorite movie, or be your very own brand of star. Imagine flash bulbs popping and fans clamoring for your autograph as you walk the red carpet into a Hollywood themed evening of fun and excitement. The fun begins at 6:30pm in the Marina Ballroom. Bring your raffle ticket and deposit it in the container at the door for your chance to win one of the door prizes. **You must be present to win.** Drawings will take place between 7:00pm and 8:30pm. Thank you to **Arizant** for their generous support of Component Night.

#### CPAN/CAPA Certification Exams

Best wishes for success to the over 600 candidates sitting for the CPAN and CAPA examinations today here in Anaheim and in various locations throughout the U.S.

#### Representative Assembly

ASPAN's 10<sup>th</sup> Annual Representative Assembly (RA) convenes TODAY in the Center Ballroom. All members are encouraged to attend and see ASPAN leadership at work!

Scheduled events are as follows:

Hearings 9:00am-11:00am
Meet the Candidates 11:00am-12:00pm
Formal Session 2:15pm-4:30pm

#### Passport to Texas

Don't miss out on your "Passport to Texas". The first 500 visitors to the TAPAN table on Component Night will receive a special passport. Fill it out and then, at the **2008** ASPAN Conference in Grapevine, Texas, return it to the TAPAN table. This will entitle you to a **special passport holder only drawing** for a Texas-size prize.

#### First Timers Orientation

Attending your first National Conference can be very overwhelming. We want you to get the most out of your experience, so plan on attending the overview of the 26<sup>th</sup> National Conference on Sunday, April 15<sup>th</sup> from 5:00pm-6:00pm, in South Ballroom A or Monday, April 16<sup>th</sup> from 12:15pm 1:05pm in Marina 2 & 3.

#### Seating in Educational Sessions

Due to space limitations, seating for educational sessions requires an admission ticket. Tickets were included in your registration materials. If you would like to change a session, check the Registration Desk for availability. **Lost or forgotten tickets will not be replaced.** 

#### National PArtiCUIArS

National Particulars is the daily publication of ASPAN's National Conference. If you are planning a function during conference or have something special you would like to share, please complete a Particulars submission form available at the Registration desk by no later than 11:00am, the day before you would like the information to appear. Submissions will be placed & edited based on space available.

#### Hospitality Desk

The Hospitality Desk is located near the registration area, and will have city maps, restaurant lists and sightseeing information. Stop by and obtain your information early.

#### **ASPAN Shoppe**

The ASPAN Shoppe will be open today, from 11:00am to 5:00pm, in Avalon Room A. Along with the ASPAN Publications, Scrubs, Conference T-Shirts, Beach Towels, and many other items, the ASPAN Shoppe will also feature:

**Daily Drawing:** Each time you make a purchase in the ASPAN Shoppe, enter your name in the white drop box. Drawings will be held at the close of Shoppe. Check back in the Shoppe to see if you are a winner.

**Grab Bags:** Looking for a bargain? Don't forget to visit our ASPAN **B**ig **A**udacious **G**rab **B**ags priced at \$1!

Sunday's prize is a Conference T-Shirt.

#### Registration Desk

The Registration desk is open today from 7:30am to 7:30pm in the South Exhibit Hall Corridor for conference attendees to pick up their conference materials.

#### **Commemorative Pins**

Commemorative Conference Pins will be available for \$5, throughout the conference, at the Hospitality Desk and also for sale at a "special table" during Component Night. In addition, attendees should be on the lookout for "roving pin merchants" during conference. They will be wearing lanyards and selling pins right off their bodies! Limited quantities are available, so purchase your commemorative pins early.

#### CPAN/CAPA Celebration Breakfast

Tomorrow is the breakfast, being held in the Marina Ballroom; doors open at 6:15am. Hope to see you there! Tickets are required for this event!

#### Satellite Symposia

They are back again this year by popular demand! Watch the daily *National ParticularS* for details.